

## **EXHIBIT 1**

DEPOSITION OF JORDAN SWEEZER

Taken by the Defendants on the 14th day of September 2023, at the offices of Gruel Mills Nims & Pylman, PLLC, at 99 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, at 9:50 a.m.

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<p>1 side?</p> <p>2 A Split.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. So let's go with your dad's other children first.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q Who are they?</p> <p>6 A Owen, Olivia, and Oliver.</p> <p>7 Q And how old are they.</p> <p>8 A Owen is 21, Olivia is approximately 17 or 18, Oliver is 15 or 16.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And do you see them regularly or communicate with them regularly?</p> <p>12 A Not really.</p> <p>13 Q Do any of them have any health conditions that you're aware of?</p> <p>15 A No. Very healthy.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And then I think that leaves just one --</p> <p>17 A Correct.</p> <p>18 Q -- sibling on your mom's side?</p> <p>19 A Correct, Anna.</p> <p>20 Q And what's her last name?</p> <p>21 A VanWieren.</p> <p>22 Q Can you spell that?</p> <p>23 A V-a-n-W-i-e-r-e-n.</p> <p>24 Q How old is Anna?</p> <p>25 A She would be 22.</p>	<p>Page 94</p>	<p>1 A I don't believe so.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Do any of the other grandparents have any other health conditions?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Have any of your family members, parents, siblings, grandparents, had any sort of neurological condition?</p> <p>7 A I don't believe so.</p> <p>8 Q Other than one might characterize Asperger's as a neurological condition, but any other ones?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Let's talk about BioLife.</p> <p>12 A Okay.</p> <p>13 Q How did you become interested in donating plasma?</p> <p>14 A I donated plasma with BioLife shortly after high school --</p> <p>16 Q Okay.</p> <p>17 A -- and when I was either just married or not quite married, and that would be extra money to buy my really cute girlfriend food once in a while, so. . . . She's now my wife.</p> <p>21 MS. MILLS: Good. I'm glad that --</p> <p>22 MS. HEIS: You made up for not knowing the year of marriage with that.</p> <p>24 BY MS. HEIS:</p> <p>25 Q Okay. And -- and other than understanding -- I guess --</p>	<p>Page 96</p>
<p>1 Q And does she have any health conditions that you're aware of?</p> <p>3 A She has very high-functioning or very low-grade Asperger's.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Anything else?</p> <p>6 A Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>7 Q Does she currently undergo any treatment for the Asperger's?</p> <p>9 A I don't believe so. Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>10 Q And what about your grandparents; are they still alive?</p> <p>11 A They are.</p> <p>12 Q What are their names?</p> <p>13 A Darwin Sweezer, that's my grandpa on my dad's side, --</p> <p>14 Q Um-hum.</p> <p>15 A -- and his wife, Elizabeth Sweezer.</p> <p>16 Q Okay.</p> <p>17 A On my mom's side, it's Tom Herron and Patty Herron.</p> <p>18 Q And do any of your -- are all of your grandparents still in good health?</p> <p>20 A Yes. My grandpa on my dad's side, his mind is starting to go a little bit.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Does he have a diagnosis that you're aware of?</p> <p>23 A I don't think so.</p> <p>24 Q He hasn't been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's or anything like that?</p>	<p>Page 95</p>	<p>1 I guess -- let me strike that for a second. My -- my question is how did you become aware of BioLife as a place to get some extra money?</p> <p>4 A I don't remember.</p> <p>5 Q Okay.</p> <p>6 A I'm sorry.</p> <p>7 Q Do you know whether it was an advertisement or whether you knew someone who went there?</p> <p>9 A I don't remember. I have a feeling, but I don't have a solid memory.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Prior to going to BioLife, did you do any research about plasma donation?</p> <p>13 A Only the research that they had posted on the walls.</p> <p>14 Q At BioLife?</p> <p>15 A At BioLife.</p> <p>16 Q So you didn't look online or talk to anybody before you went there?</p> <p>18 A I'm sure I spoke to people about it, but I don't remember my conversations.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. All right. In looking at the records from BioLife, it looks like May 24th, 2021, the date of the incident, was the third visit in about eight days.</p> <p>23 A Okay.</p> <p>24 Q Does that sound right to you?</p> <p>25 A I tried to do it, what the max allowed was for BioLife,</p>	<p>Page 97</p>

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1	yeah.	1 A No. 2 Q I mean it's -- it was a lot, fair? 3 A Well, as you said, it wasn't a lot recently. 4 Q Um-hum. 5 A But I think I donated for over a year before, so . . . 6 Q Yeah, so would you say that you had donated plasma more 7 than 100 times total in the past? 8 A I don't know. I'm sure we could figure that number 9 out -- 10 Q Um-hum. 11 A -- if it's important, you know, with the records. 12 Q Okay. But all I'm trying to establish here is you had 13 done it enough that you were pretty familiar with the 14 process, right? 15 A I was familiar with the process. 16 Q Okay. And were you comfortable with the process? 17 A Comfortable as in? 18 Q Like did you get nervous at all before donating plasma or 19 before you were stuck with the needle or anything like 20 that? 21 A No. 22 Q Okay. So you had done it enough times that you didn't 23 feel nervous or anxious about what was about to happen? 24 A Right. I mean there's like a moment before you get a 25 needle in your arm that you get nervous for every
1	Q Okay. 2 A I was one of the last patients, I believe, that day. 3 Most of the lights were turned off in the building. 4 Q Okay. How much of your visit to BioLife do you remember 5 on that day? How much of that day's visit do you 6 remember? 7 A A fair amount. 8 Q Okay. When you arrived, do you recall getting checked in 9 and having your weight and your hematocrit and total 10 protein and blood pressure and temperature checked? 11 A I know that I passed them because otherwise I wouldn't 12 have made it to the bed. I don't remember who did the 13 finger prick to me or the weight. 14 Q Okay. But you do recall that you -- you did that step, 15 fair? 16 A Yes. 17 Q Okay. And -- 18 A You have to go to the computer screen and answer all the 19 questions and then they bring you up to the pavilion 20 thing or the counter. 21 Q Okay. For the -- for that initial screen -- those 22 initial screening tests, right? 23 A Correct, what you just referenced. 24 Q Okay. And can you estimate about how many times you had 25 donated plasma before?	Page 99 1 time, -- 2 Q Um-hum. 3 A -- but I mean I was used to the nervousness would be the 4 best way to say it. 5 Q Okay. 6 A I actually have a joke. 7 Q Okay. Let's hear it. 8 A What did the phlebotomist say to the -- or what did the 9 patient say to the phlebotomist? 10 Q I don't know. 11 A Don't poke me in vane. 12 MR. MILLS: That's great. 13 THE WITNESS: I'd like to trademark that one. 14 MS. HEIS: Well, now it's on the record, so you 15 could trademark away. 16 BY MS. HEIS: 17 Q So again we're talking about May 24th. Do you recall who 18 did the venipuncture and hooked you up to -- I'm not 19 talking about the finger poke now, I'm talking about the 20 venipuncture. Do you recall who did your venipuncture 21 and hooked you up to the plasmapheresis machine? 22 A I remember that I did remember. Now it's a little foggy 23 on who hooked me up. 24 Q Okay. 25 A And I remember that we -- I spoke with Ben and gave him

<p>1 the full story and you wrote it down.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Let's -- is that -- do you recall anything about</p> <p>3 that person? Understanding you may not remember names,</p> <p>4 but do you remember anything about that person? Was it a</p> <p>5 man or a woman, their hair color, how old they were,</p> <p>6 anything like that?</p> <p>7 A So for hooking me up?</p> <p>8 Q Yes.</p> <p>9 A I -- I vaguely remember --</p> <p>10 Q Um-hum.</p> <p>11 A -- that it was -- yeah, I don't want to guess, --</p> <p>12 Q Okay.</p> <p>13 A -- right? And I remember more of what happened right at</p> <p>14 the moment of the event, right?</p> <p>15 Q Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 A But hooking up, I vaguely remember that it was someone</p> <p>17 with a deep voice with long hair and -- and long nails</p> <p>18 that was at least in the area around me.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And was that person male or female?</p> <p>20 A I don't know how they identify.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. I know you said you told Ben some things about</p> <p>22 this, and I don't want to know about your conversations</p> <p>23 with Ben except that if it was written down here in the</p> <p>24 interrogatory responses, let's look at that.</p> <p>25 A Okay.</p>	Page 102	<p>1 A It's a vague memory.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Do you recall anything that was unusual about the</p> <p>3 process of getting the plasmapheresis started?</p> <p>4 A Like the hookup stage?</p> <p>5 Q Yeah.</p> <p>6 A I don't recall anything that was unusual.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. How did you first become aware of a problem?</p> <p>8 A I felt like it was taking a while and I looked down and</p> <p>9 saw blood on the ground.</p> <p>10 Q Okay.</p> <p>11 A And that's how I first became aware.</p> <p>12 Q When you were sitting in the chair, were you -- did you</p> <p>13 bring a book or did you bring anything to do to occupy</p> <p>14 yourself during that time?</p> <p>15 A Usually I just played a game on my phone or read on my</p> <p>16 phone.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. And do you recall whether you were doing that that</p> <p>18 night?</p> <p>19 A I do not recall.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And you said you felt like it was taking a while.</p> <p>21 Do you know how long you had been hooked up?</p> <p>22 A I do not.</p> <p>23 Q Any estimate?</p> <p>24 A No.</p> <p>25 Q Okay.</p>	Page 104
<p>1 Q Let's look back at Exhibit 1.</p> <p>2 A I got these all turned around.</p> <p>3 Q It's page -- yeah, sorry. It's Page 2.</p> <p>4 A Okay. Do you want me to read it or --</p> <p>5 Q You can just read it to yourself and then I'll ask some</p> <p>6 questions.</p> <p>7 A No. 4?</p> <p>8 Q Yes.</p> <p>9 A Okay. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. So I just re-read while you did and I don't see</p> <p>11 anything in there about the person who hooked you up, but</p> <p>12 is there anything in there that refreshes your</p> <p>13 recollection about who hooked you up?</p> <p>14 A No. Yeah, the -- the hookup part is a little foggy.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And so I think you said this person that you</p> <p>16 remember having a deep voice and long hair and long</p> <p>17 nails, you said she was in the area or he or she was in</p> <p>18 the area. Do you --</p> <p>19 A She was -- he or she - if you know, then tell me so I can</p> <p>20 say it without being offensive, but, yeah, said -- you</p> <p>21 know, kind of freaked out when they saw the blood on the</p> <p>22 ground. But as far as being hooked up, I don't -- I</p> <p>23 don't have a solid memory of who it was that hooked me up</p> <p>24 anymore.</p> <p>25 Q Okay.</p>	Page 103	<p>1 A Once I saw the blood, that's what my memory really keeps</p> <p>2 and focuses on and that forward, so. . . .</p> <p>3 Q Okay. So at the time that you saw the blood, how were</p> <p>4 you feeling?</p> <p>5 A I -- I got very queasy, --</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And --</p> <p>7 A -- very nauseous.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. So you started feeling queasy and nauseous</p> <p>9 before --</p> <p>10 A I guess dizzy would be a good word to say, as well.</p> <p>11 Q Okay, so queasy, nauseous, and dizzy. Was that before</p> <p>12 you saw the blood or precipitated by seeing the blood?</p> <p>13 A I distinctly remember it precipitating when I saw the</p> <p>14 blood.</p> <p>15 Q Okay.</p> <p>16 A Maybe a slight amount beforehand, but when I saw the</p> <p>17 blood, it's like the body went into -- I don't know, it</p> <p>18 kicked into gear, I guess.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And how much blood was it?</p> <p>20 A I couldn't be certain, but it took up a fair amount of</p> <p>21 space on the ground. Like I couldn't give you liters</p> <p>22 or --</p> <p>23 Q Sure.</p> <p>24 A -- or ounces or whatever, --</p> <p>25 Q Sure.</p>	Page 105

<p>1 A -- but it was a fairly large puddle on the ground of -- I          2 gave an example like if you dropped a pitcher of water          3 and kind of the space it would take out, maybe a little          4 bit smaller than that but a pretty wide distance.          5 Q Okay. So I'm just going to see if I can try to clarify          6 that a little bit more in my own mind.          7 A Okay.          8 Q So, say, you draw a circle around this piece -- this 8 by          9 11 piece of paper, just a circle touching all four          10 corners. Bigger than that?          11 A Yes.          12 Q Bigger than -- let's see, what else I can think of that          13 would be a physical thing that we all know the size of.          14 Let's see, my laptop. Bigger than if you draw a circle          15 touching all four corners of my laptop?          16 A Yes.          17 Q Okay. How much bigger? Twice that size?          18 A As I'm remembering and seeing my memory, it was either my          19 shoulder or the edge of the bed, so I know it comes          20 further than what I could see, but it went out maybe from          21 here to here further than where my vision stopped, but I          22 know that it went this way, as well, past what I could          23 see.          24 Q Okay. So I would say I would describe that distance as          25 maybe 2 feet; would you agree?</p>	<p>Page 106</p>	<p>1 A That's where the bubbles were.          2 Q Okay. So after noticing those things, had that ever          3 happened to you before while donating plasma?          4 A I've never seen my blood drip on the ground before. I          5 think I might have seen an air bubble or two --          6 Q Okay.          7 A -- but never more than one.          8 Q Okay. And when you -- just for the record, when you are          9 sitting in the chair and it's just a regular donation,          10 you can see your blood moving through the tubes, right?          11 A Yes.          12 Q And -- and seeing your blood just move through the tubes          13 and through the machine, has that ever caused you any          14 nausea or dizziness or any sort of reaction on your part?          15 A Never.          16 Q So after you noticed the blood on the floor and the          17 bubbles in the tube, what did you do next or what          18 happened next?          19 A I called out for help.          20 Q Okay. And do you recall who helped?          21 A The person you were describing before walked up and said          22 something along the lines of, and excuse my language,          23 "Oh, hell no," and then ran away.          24 Q Okay. And you -- I think you said before, she seemed          25 alarmed?</p>	<p>Page 108</p>
<p>1 A In -- in vision?          2 Q Um-hum.          3 A I'd say it's longer than 2 feet.          4 Q Okay. Longer than 3 feet?          5 A I would say it's not longer than 3 feet.          6 Q Okay. And was it about the same width as length?          7 A I don't remember.          8 Q Okay. Aside from the blood on the ground, did you notice          9 anything else at that time?          10 A Yes. I remember that there was bubbles going up the tube          11 into my arm, and usually there would be a ding if there          12 was ever an air bubble in the machine and they have to          13 come check it and do -- like press a button to get the          14 air bubble out basically or restart it, and they just          15 kept going up into my arm.          16 Q Okay. And so there wasn't any ding on this occasion?          17 A I don't remember hearing a ding.          18 Q Okay. So then what did you -- you noticed the blood on          19 the ground, you noticed the bubbles in the tubing, and          20 were the bubbles in the tube that was replacing fluids to          21 your body or the tube that was drawing fluids out?          22 A No, the -- the line was red for drawing fluids out, --          23 Q Okay.          24 A -- deep red.          25 Q And that's where the bubbles were?</p>	<p>Page 107</p>	<p>1 A Yeah.          2 Q I think your word was freaked out?          3 A Yes, --          4 Q Okay.          5 A -- clearly, and her voice definitely made that clear, as          6 well, in word choice.          7 Q Okay. And then what happened?          8 A That person went away and eventually one or two other          9 people came back with and one of them unhooked me just          10 like they normally would with the -- you know, the gauze          11 thing and the wrap -- wrapping arm thing and the other          12 person said, hey, you know, we have to let you know that          13 we can offer you some saline, it might help you, but you          14 don't have to take it, we can't make you take it, it          15 would take a while -- you know, longer to be here for          16 that, but I just have to make it available to you, and          17 otherwise, you know, you don't have to take it, we can't          18 make you take it. And I said, okay, then I won't take          19 it.          20 Q Okay.          21 A I'm paraphrasing, but that's what happened.          22 Q Okay. The person who offered the saline is different          23 from the person who was doing the disconnect, correct?          24 A Yes.          25 Q And you said one or two other people came back with the</p>	<p>Page 109</p>

<p>1 first person that noticed the blood on the floor or -- so</p> <p>2 were there three people there at that point or --</p> <p>3 A So I think someone came in and out. I don't remember the</p> <p>4 person that came in and out. It may have been that first</p> <p>5 person. I couldn't speak for certain. But it was both a</p> <p>6 nurse and I believe the assistant manager who came out.</p> <p>7 And those are the people I distinctly remember speaking</p> <p>8 to me.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. And do you have a memory of who did -- who</p> <p>10 disconnected you?</p> <p>11 A I don't remember which one was which.</p> <p>12 Q Okay.</p> <p>13 A I could probably recognize their face if I saw them.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. But you think it was either the nurse or the</p> <p>15 assistant manager who disconnected you?</p> <p>16 A I believe so.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. And then it was the other one of them that</p> <p>18 offered -- that talked to you about the saline; is that</p> <p>19 right?</p> <p>20 A Yeah. In my memory, I more clearly remember the people</p> <p>21 speaking to me.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And -- okay, so how sure are you about who</p> <p>23 disconnected you?</p> <p>24 A I would say I'm in the middle on it --</p> <p>25 Q Okay.</p>	<p>Page 110</p> <p>1 A Like nausea and dizziness and --</p> <p>2 Q Okay. But not like a specific pain somewhere on your</p> <p>3 body?</p> <p>4 A Oh, yeah, not like a -- like a pressing pain somewhere.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And no headache?</p> <p>6 A Yeah, I mean my head was hurting.</p> <p>7 Q Okay.</p> <p>8 A So I -- I don't know how to describe it more than that.</p> <p>9 Dizzy, nausea, --</p> <p>10 Q Okay.</p> <p>11 A -- that's pain in my head.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. And this was all while you were still in the</p> <p>13 plasmapheresis chair?</p> <p>14 A Still laying -- still laying on the bed, yes.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And did you describe how you were feeling to any</p> <p>16 of these people who assisted you?</p> <p>17 A I described it out loud, yes.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And what was their reaction to that?</p> <p>19 A They said that they were going to get me up and move me</p> <p>20 to across from where they do the nurse examinations,</p> <p>21 which is on the other side of the building, so they stood</p> <p>22 me up and they told me to walk to the other side of the</p> <p>23 building and they walked with me, and I'd say it's --</p> <p>24 well, you can map it out, but it's quite a distance, and</p> <p>25 I got more dizzy, I got more nauseous. I was on the</p>
<p>1 A -- on which person it was.</p> <p>2 Q Okay.</p> <p>3 A I would -- I would -- if I remember right, it was the</p> <p>4 nurse, but . . .</p> <p>5 Q Okay. But you feel pretty confident about how this</p> <p>6 conversation went when they offered you the saline?</p> <p>7 A Oh, absolutely.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. And who -- whoever it was who offered it said it</p> <p>9 might help you, right?</p> <p>10 A Yep.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. And did you understand what it might help you</p> <p>12 with?</p> <p>13 A No. I took it as how she expressed it, and how she</p> <p>14 expressed it was, I don't want to do this, you don't need</p> <p>15 to do this, I'm going to make sure I don't want you to do</p> <p>16 this, and that was what her body language said, and that</p> <p>17 was the tone with her words and what she said. She said</p> <p>18 it may help you, we have to offer it to you, but you</p> <p>19 don't have to do it, you don't need to do it, and we</p> <p>20 can't make you do it.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. How were you feeling at that point?</p> <p>22 A I was feeling dizzy and I was in pain.</p> <p>23 Q In pain?</p> <p>24 A Yeah, like nausea, dizziness.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. What kind of pain did you have?</p>	<p>Page 111</p> <p>1 phone with my wife during this time, but I wasn't talking</p> <p>2 to her, and I told her that, "I think I'm going to pass</p> <p>3 out," and that was after I was already sitting down and</p> <p>4 they had walked away and said they'd check on me in</p> <p>5 however many minutes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Let me parse that out a little bit.</p> <p>7 A Okay.</p> <p>8 Q When you said they walked with you to the other side of</p> <p>9 the building, that was to the waiting area, right?</p> <p>10 A Yeah. Yeah.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. And that -- you -- you had sat in that waiting</p> <p>12 area before, right?</p> <p>13 A Usually you didn't sit. Usually you just stood in a</p> <p>14 really long line to -- to get through.</p> <p>15 Q Okay.</p> <p>16 A But, yes, I've been in that room area, so to speak, many</p> <p>17 times.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Because on a regular donation, you always have to</p> <p>19 wait a period of time before you can leave, right?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q You don't?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. So on this occasion, you had to go to that waiting</p> <p>24 area because there had been a loss of -- there was --</p> <p>25 your red blood cells and fluids weren't returned,</p>

<p>1 A I don't know how long, but I do remember what I was told.          2 I was told that -- by the first person who came up, that          3 she saw me go like -- like lean forward like I was          4 passing out and then she said it wasn't a seizure, but it          5 was like a seizure where my back snapped back. She said          6 I hit my head on the counter behind me and that her and          7 another person, you know, there were right there when I          8 came through and they were fanning me. And I either woke          9 up with a trash bin between my legs or I said, "I think          10 I'm going to throw up," and they quickly put one between          11 my legs.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. So this first person that you talked to who told          13 you she saw you slump forward and then snap back, was          14 that one of the people you had interacted with while you          15 were in the donor chair?</p> <p>16 A I'm not confident.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Do you recall anything about that person?</p> <p>18 A Yeah. I want to -- maybe just slightly heavier set,          19 not -- not super big or anything, and a lady and she was          20 shorter.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Do you recall her hair -- hair color or anything?</p> <p>22 A I don't. You got to remember what my head was going          23 through at that time.</p> <p>24 Q No, I understand. And you said someone else came up          25 relatively quickly. Do you recall anything about that</p>	<p>Page 118</p>	<p>1 right?          2 A Correct.          3 Q And did anyone tell you how long?          4 A No, not to my memory.          5 Q Okay. And when you woke up, you were still in the chair?          6 A Correct.          7 Q And you said your head was hurting, but your head was          8 also hurting before you sat down in that chair, correct?          9 A Yeah. It was extremely, extremely worse after I woke up.          10 There was nausea and dizziness before, but when I woke          11 up, it was like everything was screaming at me in pain          12 and the whole room was spinning whether my eyes were open          13 or shut.          14 Q Okay. And when you vomited, you were still in that          15 waiting area; is that right?          16 A Correct.          17 Q Do you recall what happened after that?          18 A I was moved into a room where they had another bed --          19 Q Uh-huh.          20 A -- and they hooked me up to something and started asking          21 my wife and I a bunch of questions.          22 Q Okay. And were you in that room before your wife          23 arrived?          24 A I'm pretty sure she was there before I got in that room,          25 but it might have been right after.</p>	<p>Page 120</p>
<p>1 person?          2 A No, I'm not sure. They were both to the sides of me --          3 Q Uh-huh.          4 A -- and they were speaking to each other, and I don't --          5 like I -- I woke up just like the whole world was          6 spinning and spinning and spinning and it was so painful.          7 And, yeah, I don't even remember the words they were          8 saying to each other, just that they were talking and          9 that it's going to be okay and that they're here and          10 stuff.          11 Q Okay. So they were reassuring you?          12 A Yeah. They were very kind.          13 Q Okay. And I think you said you vomited, correct?          14 A I did.          15 Q And then what happened next?          16 A I believe they got me a cloth or some paper towel or          17 something to wipe my face.          18 Q Okay.          19 A It seems like pretty quickly around that time, my wife          20 showed up, which would have been quite a while for her to          21 get there, so there must have been quite a bit of time          22 that passed. And I think it was after that they moved me          23 into the other room.          24 Q Okay. So when you -- I think I asked you how long you          25 were passed out and you said you don't know; is that</p>	<p>Page 119</p>	<p>1 Q Okay. And --          2 A She'll know better.          3 Q Okay. You said they -- they started asking you a bunch          4 of questions. What sort of questions?          5 A She would remember better than me.          6 Q Okay.          7 A Everything was spinning.          8 Q Do you recall getting saline in that room?          9 A They gave me something through an IV.          10 Q Okay. Did that IV help you feel better?          11 A No.          12 Q Did you feel better at all that evening?          13 A No.          14 Q Okay.          15 A I was pushed out in a wheelchair from the building.          16 Q Okay.          17 A I had to have help transferring just from the wheelchair          18 to the car.          19 Q Who helped you?          20 A I believe it was my wife.          21 Q Okay. Do you recall anything else about that evening?          22 A I think my wife drove up in the car, so it must have          23 been -- I couldn't tell you for sure. It might -- it may          24 not have been my wife. It might have been the nurse or          25 the assistant manager. What was your next question?</p>	<p>Page 121</p>

<p>1 Sorry.</p> <p>2 Q That's okay. I don't recall what my question was. So</p> <p>3 you think your wife drove up near the door and somebody</p> <p>4 else helped you into the car?</p> <p>5 A They -- yeah, they brought me out in a wheelchair out the</p> <p>6 side door, not the normal door --</p> <p>7 Q Okay.</p> <p>8 A -- that you go in and out of, the one that was connected</p> <p>9 to the waiting room.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. The waiting room, not the nurse's room, correct?</p> <p>11 A Correct.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. And you said there were a bunch of questions, but</p> <p>13 do you recall any of the conversation that happened from</p> <p>14 the time that you went into the nurse's room until the</p> <p>15 time that you left?</p> <p>16 A I -- I know that I used to but not anymore.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A I just know that it was a lot and that mostly my wife was</p> <p>19 taking care of things.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And you were still feeling terrible at this point?</p> <p>21 A Awfully. Awfully.</p> <p>22 Q At any point that evening, even after you got home, did</p> <p>23 you feel better?</p> <p>24 A No. I couldn't -- I couldn't do anything. The room</p> <p>25 never stopped spinning. I was in so much pain. I barely</p>	<p>Page 122</p> <p>1 someone at BioLife told you you hit your head and then</p> <p>2 they told you you didn't. Do you recall that?</p> <p>3 A I do not remember that at all.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. And what part of your head do you believe you hit?</p> <p>5 A This part.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. For the record, you're pointing sort of to the</p> <p>7 upper back part of your head?</p> <p>8 A Yeah, back part of my head.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Did you have any bruising or a bump or a goose egg</p> <p>10 there?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Okay.</p> <p>13 MS. HEIS: This is a good place to take a</p> <p>14 break. Why don't we take another quick break and --</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>16 MS. HEIS: -- come back and talk about</p> <p>17 treatment.</p> <p>18 (At 12:44 p.m., off the record)</p> <p>19 (At 12:52 p.m., back on the record)</p> <p>20 BY MS. HEIS:</p> <p>21 Q Jordan, you -- the incident happened on May 24th,</p> <p>22 correct?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Was there anything about that day leading up to it</p> <p>25 that was unusual?</p>
<p>1 slept. My wife had to help me change my clothes or just</p> <p>2 get them off so I could be in bed. And, yeah, it was</p> <p>3 awful.</p> <p>4 Q And did you tell anyone at BioLife how you were feeling</p> <p>5 as you were leaving?</p> <p>6 A Yeah. I mean they all knew how I was feeling. They were</p> <p>7 watching it and saw how immobilized I was. They watched</p> <p>8 me throw up, you know, --</p> <p>9 Q Right.</p> <p>10 A -- so. . . .</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall when you were in the nurse's room having</p> <p>12 your blood pressure checked and your vital signs checked?</p> <p>13 A I don't remember. They may have or may not have.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Other than the first person who came saying they</p> <p>15 saw you slump forward and then snap back and hit your</p> <p>16 head, was there any other conversation while you were at</p> <p>17 BioLife that you can recall about hitting your head?</p> <p>18 A Not for me, no.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 A She was the only one who saw me, she said anyway, that</p> <p>21 she was first coming up, so. . . .</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Do you recall telling anyone at BioLife that you</p> <p>23 hit your head?</p> <p>24 A Telling -- no. I was told that I hit my head.</p> <p>25 Q There was a note in the medical records that first</p>	<p>Page 123</p> <p>1 A Leading up to going into BioLife?</p> <p>2 Q Yes.</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q Did you have lunch that day?</p> <p>5 A Probably.</p> <p>6 Q Did you have dinner that day before you went?</p> <p>7 A Probably.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Was there anything unusual about how you were</p> <p>9 feeling that day before you went to BioLife?</p> <p>10 A There was not.</p> <p>11 Q Okay.</p> <p>12 A But that's why they do that check, to make sure that our</p> <p>13 levels are good enough to -- to donate.</p> <p>14 Q Right. Had you had enough to drink that day, water, --</p> <p>15 A Probably.</p> <p>16 Q -- coffee, whatever?</p> <p>17 A Probably.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. So then tell me about the next day after you went</p> <p>19 home from BioLife.</p> <p>20 A Yeah, the next day I was in bed I think the entire day --</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A -- in excruciating pain. Moving even just to turn my</p> <p>23 head was like shooting -- like shooting rockets in my</p> <p>24 head, and I could not do anything. I think I remember</p> <p>25 that my wife like literally helped bathe me, so. . . .</p>

<p>1 Q Okay. And when you say it was like shooting rockets in          2 your head, was -- was it a particular area of your head          3 that was hurting?</p> <p>4 A Like from my head all the way down my neck and my          5 shoulders into my upper back and it was like every move          6 like sent shockwaves through like the whole head to          7 shoulders area.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. And you pointed just now for the record sort of to          9 the top of your head; is that right?</p> <p>10 A All of my head, like all of it encompassingly.</p> <p>11 Q Okay.</p> <p>12 A Top, sides, back, everything.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And you said when you moved, there was shooting          14 pain, right?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q What about if you were just laying still?</p> <p>17 A Still. The room was spinning, very dizzy, and my whole          18 head was in pain. So was my neck and my shoulders.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 A I was unable to think clearly, as well.</p> <p>21 Q Were you -- any other symptoms that you can recall          22 experiencing that day?</p> <p>23 A Had just a lot -- a lot of pain. I remember crying quite          24 a bit. I couldn't really get the words out to talk with          25 my wife very well, so . . .</p>	<p>Page 126</p>	<p>1 A They had people come in and visit us doing different          2 tests with me like spelling words and closing my eyes and          3 holding my arms out and I think my legs, too. I remember          4 those ones for sure.</p> <p>5 QOkay. And do you recall how long you were there that          6 day?</p> <p>7 A I think it was most of the day.</p> <p>8 QOkay.</p> <p>9 MS. HEIS: Let's mark Exhibit 3.</p> <p>10 (At 12:57 p.m., Exhibit No. 3 marked by court          11 reporter)</p> <p>12 BY MS. HEIS:</p> <p>13 QOkay. So, Jordan, the court reporter handed you what's          14 been marked Exhibit 3. It is a record, an excerpt of          15 medical records from Spectrum Health and this one          16 particularly relates to the May 26th, 2021 visit.</p> <p>17 AOkay.</p> <p>18 QDo you see that at the top there where it references the          19 date?</p> <p>20 AI do.</p> <p>21 QOkay. Do you see there that it says the chief complaint          22 was syncope here in this sort of top box?</p> <p>23 AOkay. Yep. Yes, I see syncope.</p> <p>24 QAnd I'm going to just read this section.</p> <p>25 AOkay.</p>	<p>Page 128</p>
<p>1 Q Okay. What about memory; were you able to remember          2 things on that day?</p> <p>3 A I don't think I was with it enough to be thinking about          4 remembering or memories. I was just too focused on the          5 pain.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And I know maybe it was not comfortable, but could          7 you walk?</p> <p>8 A Only with help I would have, so no.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. So -- and you're saying only with help. Is that          10 because you were feeling so dizzy?</p> <p>11 A Dizzy, pain, yeah, room was spinning, so my wife would --          12 would like hold me.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Were you able to sleep that day?</p> <p>14 A Very minimally.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And then the next day, you went to the ER at          16 Butterworth Hospital, correct?</p> <p>17 A Correct.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. What caused you to go there at that time?</p> <p>19 A Because I wasn't getting better.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. So the next day, you were still feeling the same?</p> <p>21 A Yeah, really bad.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And do you recall what tests were done while you          23 were there?</p> <p>24 A They scanned me twice like in a machine.</p> <p>25 Q Um-hum.</p>	<p>Page 127</p>	<p>1 Q "Patient states he was donating plasma Monday evening and          2 the machine malfunctioned causing him to 'lose a lot of          3 blood on the floor,'" and that's in quotes, lose a lot of          4 blood on the floor. And then it says, "Patient states he          5 then passed out and hit his head on the floor, then woke          6 up vomiting. States he has had a headache and fatigue          7 since." You're shaking --</p> <p>8 A I did not hit my head on the floor.</p> <p>9 Q Okay.</p> <p>10 A I hit my head on the table. That's what I was told.</p> <p>11 Q Thank you. Okay. And -- and your information about          12 hitting your head was solely from this one person at          13 BioLife who told you that; is that correct?</p> <p>14 A Correct.</p> <p>15 Q Had she --</p> <p>16 A There may have been more conversation. My wife could          17 remember, but that's what I remember.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Had she not told you that, would you think that          19 you hit your head on the floor?</p> <p>20 A On the floor?</p> <p>21 Q Or think that you hit your head? Sorry.</p> <p>22 MR. MILLS: I think that calls for speculation.</p> <p>23 I'm just going to place an objection.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>25 MS. HEIS: You can still answer.</p>	<p>Page 129</p>

<p>1 MR. MILLS: You can still answer.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Do I need to answer or should I</p> <p>3 answer?</p> <p>4 MR. MILLS: Yeah, you need to answer --</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>6 MR. MILLS: -- as best you can.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. Okay.</p> <p>8 MR. MILLS: I don't know if it's an answerable</p> <p>9 question. That's why I put --</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: This is the first time this has</p> <p>11 happened, so I just --</p> <p>12 MR. MILLS: Yeah. That's why I put the</p> <p>13 objection on the record.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sounds good.</p> <p>15 MR. MILLS: So if you can answer, go ahead.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the question?</p> <p>17 MS. HEIS: Yeah.</p> <p>18 BY MS. HEIS:</p> <p>19 Q So if someone hadn't told you you hit your head, would</p> <p>20 you have thought that you hit your head?</p> <p>21 A Possibly.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. I'm going to skip ahead a few pages in this now.</p> <p>23 At the bottom there, there's some bates numbers. I'm</p> <p>24 looking at the one that has 1044 on it.</p> <p>25 A Right here. Thank you very much.</p>	<p>Page 130</p> <p>1 Q Um-hum. Then, "Patient describes. . . ."</p> <p>2 A There we go. Okay, second sentence now?</p> <p>3 Q Yes.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q And then he explains, third sentence, and then I'm going</p> <p>6 to, "Patient explains that he was told by a nurse. . . ."</p> <p>7 Do you see that sort of in the middle of the paragraph?</p> <p>8 A Um-hum.</p> <p>9 Q "Patient explains that he was told by a nurse that he hit</p> <p>10 his head, but he is unsure of what he may have hit it</p> <p>11 on." Do you see that?</p> <p>12 A I do see that.</p> <p>13 Q Is that consistent with what you described at the ER that</p> <p>14 day?</p> <p>15 A No, it's not.</p> <p>16 Q Okay.</p> <p>17 A I would say that I remember them specifically saying I</p> <p>18 hit my head on the counter behind me --</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 A -- or similar, but that's a difference.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And then the next sentence, "Patient explains that</p> <p>22 he immediately woke up and had two episodes of vomiting."</p> <p>23 And then it says, "He was given Gatorade and 2 liters of</p> <p>24 fluid by a nurse." Do you see that?</p> <p>25 A I do see that.</p>
<p>1 MS. HEIS: We can go off the record for just a</p> <p>2 second.</p> <p>3 (At 12:59 p.m., off the record)</p> <p>4 (At 1:00 p.m., back on the record)</p> <p>5 BY MS. HEIS:</p> <p>6 Q So go one more page, --</p> <p>7 A Okay.</p> <p>8 Q -- 1044 at the bottom. Do you see that bates number?</p> <p>9 A I see that, yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. So there in the middle of the page, it says</p> <p>11 history of present illness. Do you see that section?</p> <p>12 A I do.</p> <p>13 Q And it's a little bit similar, but -- and again this is</p> <p>14 patient describes. These sentences are patient</p> <p>15 describes, patient describes.</p> <p>16 A Where does it say that?</p> <p>17 Q The first sentence, the second sentence. I'm going to</p> <p>18 skip ahead to sort of the middle.</p> <p>19 MR. MILLS: Which bates page are you on?</p> <p>20 MS. HEIS: 1044. And we're at the history of</p> <p>21 present illness section.</p> <p>22 MR. MILLS: Yep.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: "Patient is a 25-year-old</p> <p>24 male. . . .?"</p> <p>25 BY MS. HEIS:</p>	<p>Page 131</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Does that refresh -- refresh your recollection at</p> <p>2 all about whether you had a drink when you were in the</p> <p>3 waiting area?</p> <p>4 A It does not because my wife would have probably been the</p> <p>5 one giving that information to the nurse, not me.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And then it describes several of your symptoms</p> <p>7 that you were having that day, headache and neck pain</p> <p>8 constant since the incident, increasing in severity over</p> <p>9 time, feeling forgetful, difficulty concentrating,</p> <p>10 fatigue.</p> <p>11 A Um-hum.</p> <p>12 Q Do you see those?</p> <p>13 A Yep.</p> <p>14 Q Were there any other symptoms besides those that you were</p> <p>15 experiencing that day?</p> <p>16 A Definitely lots of forgetfulness. I was having trouble</p> <p>17 stringing words together to make lucid sentences or</p> <p>18 precise sentences. I was forgetting how I got where I</p> <p>19 was and where I was. I would be in the middle of saying</p> <p>20 something and then completely realize I have no idea like</p> <p>21 what I was just talking about or why I was in the car. I</p> <p>22 remember that happening with Marie when we were in the</p> <p>23 car on the way to the ER. Yeah, can you repeat the</p> <p>24 question? I want to make sure to answer it all the way.</p> <p>25 Q There were symptoms that were listed there in the history</p>

<p>1 of present illness. Were those -- were there any other      2 symptoms that you were experiencing that day?</p> <p>3 A Forgetting, difficulty concentrating, counting, messing      4 up inventory, fatigue, numbness, tingling, weakness.</p> <p>5 "Patient is not on a blood thinner." I think that covers      6 things.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And you told me that on the night of the incident,      8 you didn't have any bruise or goose egg or anything on      9 the back of your head; is that right?</p> <p>10 A Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. And was that still the case at the time you went      12 to the hospital?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And that was -- scratch that. Okay, and then      15 while you were there at the hospital, they decided to do,      16 you said, two scans in the machine, right?</p> <p>17 A I believe so.</p> <p>18 Q Okay.</p> <p>19 A What page am I on?</p> <p>20 Q I'm on 1047 now at the bottom. And do you recall those      21 being two different things, a CT and an MRI?</p> <p>22 A I couldn't distinguish for sure.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Fair enough.</p> <p>24 A I think that makes sense logically, but I -- yeah, --</p> <p>25 Q Okay.</p>	<p>Page 134</p> <p>1 A Of the CT head scan without IV contrast?</p> <p>2 Q Um-hum.</p> <p>3 A No, I don't have a distinguishing --</p> <p>4 Q Okay.</p> <p>5 A -- memory, just that what I remember is that they were      6 checking for strokes and like which is like a blood clot      7 in your head, they were saying.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Do you recall whether they were looking for a      9 bleed inside your head?</p> <p>10 A I couldn't be for certain.</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall whether any of the testing that you had      12 done that day at the hospital demonstrated any sort of      13 abnormality of any kind?</p> <p>14 A Oh, yeah, absolutely. They had me try to spell words and      15 I was unable to do it. They told me I had the -- like      16 this issue with the right side of my body. They could      17 see the pain that I was in, so they were honestly working      18 really hard to try to figure out what they could do to      19 help. I was thankful for that.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. In terms of imaging that you had done and the      21 scans in the machines, do you recall any of that      22 reflected any abnormalities?</p> <p>23 A I don't know. Abnormality just being out of the usual,      24 out of what they would expect to see?</p> <p>25 Q Um-hum.</p>
<p>1 A -- I couldn't tell you what one looks like versus the      2 other.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. So beginning at the very bottom of the page there      4 bates label 1047, it says imaging.</p> <p>5 A I see it.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And then it has a reference there for CT angio      7 head and neck with IV contrast, and it says the final      8 result was, flipping to the next page, "No intracranial      9 large vessel occlusion or high-grade stenosis. No high-      10 grade stenosis of the cervical arterial vasculature."</p> <p>11 A Okay.</p> <p>12 Q Do you see that?</p> <p>13 A I do.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And do you have an understanding either from      15 reading that or from being there at the hospital that day      16 what that meant?</p> <p>17 A My understanding is that they were checking for a stroke      18 and did not find a stroke.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 A Is that accurate with what this says?</p> <p>21 Q I believe so, yes. And then they also did a CT of your      22 head area, right? And that's the very next thing. And      23 do you recall -- and it has the result there, and I don't      24 know that we need to read it. Do you recall what the      25 result was of that additional testing?</p>	<p>Page 135</p> <p>1 A I'm not sure. I only remember that they said there was      2 no stroke.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And -- and you stayed, I think you said, at the      4 hospital that day for most of the day, right?</p> <p>5 A Pretty much the whole day. They did say -- they'd      6 advised me to stay overnight so they could keep an eye on      7 me, but I was in so much pain and I really wanted to get      8 home, so they said that they would allow that.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. And do you recall whether you had any diagnosis      10 when you left that day?</p> <p>11 A I remember I think that's when they told me to start      12 going and they were going to connect me with like      13 neurology and to do the physical and occupational therapy      14 and stuff like that. I'm fairly confident that was      15 starting there at the ER.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And did they give you any medications that day?</p> <p>17 A I don't remember.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Do you recall having a telemedicine visit shortly      19 after that hospital stay with Dr. Gavin?</p> <p>20 A Yeah, that seems vaguely familiar.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And do you recall, as a result of that      22 telemedicine visit, there was a note there that it was by      23 Zoom, but then there were some technical difficulties, so      24 I think he called you on the phone --</p> <p>25 A Okay.</p>

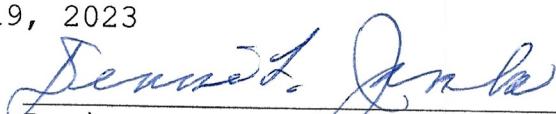
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I certify that this transcript, consisting of 188 pages is a complete, true, and correct record of the testimony of Jordan Sweezer, taken in this case on September 14, 2023.

I also certify that prior to taking this deposition, Jordan Sweezer was duly sworn to tell the truth.

I also certify that I am not a relative of, employee of, or an attorney for a party; nor am I financially interested in the action.

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